THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government deeply regret the decision of the FRG Government to abruptly terminate court proceedings and release Talwinder Singh. Government have lodged a strong protest and conveyed their regret and disappointment to the Government of Federal Republic of Germany.

Collection of data on Indian Oilfields by C.I.A.

*277. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report under the caption "CIA collecting data on Indian oilfields" which appeared in the "Tribune" of 22nd June, 1984 to the effect that the CIA were collecting data on Indian oilfields and planting agents there;

(b) if so, what is the authenticity of the news report; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government do not have specific information to confirm the authenticity of the report. Government are constantly alive to protecting the security interests of the country.

Communication sent by Prime Minister of India to Prime Minister of United Kingdom on Tamil issue

*278. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had sent a communication to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on the Tamil issue in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister has been in touch with the Prime Minister of UK regarding developments on the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. In her letters, Prime Minister has apprised the British Prime Minister of developments in Sri Lanka and the pressing need to work out a political solution acceptable to all concerned. She has also informed Mrs. Thatcher of the efforts India has made to help in this process, at Sri Lanka's request.

Misuse of financial assistance received from abroad by certain communities

*279. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain communities in the country are receiving financial assistance from abroad for socio-religious purposes and the same is being misused by those communities; and

(b) if so, what preventive measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Receipt of foreign contribution is regulated under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976. Whenever violations of the provisions of this act are reported the matter is enquired into.